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LETTER

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1. DEPT APPLAUDS PM HALLGRIMSSON'S LETTER REPLYING TO CARAMANLIS. ICELAND'S RECENT EXPERIENCES IN THE SO-CALLED "COD WAR" PLACE HER IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO ADDRESS EFFECTIVELY THE GREECE/NATO PROBLEM. HALLGRIMSSON HAS SHOWN EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE AND INSIGHT IN POINTING OUT THE SIMILARITIES IN THE TWO SITUATIONS AND BY CITING HIS COUNTRY'S FAVORABLE EXPERIENCE WITHIN NATO DURING A PERIOD OF STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO ALLIES.

2. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE PRIME MINISTER CONFIDENTIALLY OF OUR REACTION TO HIS TIMELY AND PERTINENT LETTER. INGERSOLL

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